

Rules and Regulations: Season Year 2012

1. Garden Plot fee is \$30 per plot per year for Acton Residents; \$40 per full plot per year for Non-Residents. Make check payable to the Town of Acton. Payments for plots must be by check, cash or money order only.
2. Due to high demand, a limit of **ONE** plot per household is allowed. Plot size is 25' x 33', dimensions are approximate.
3. As a renewing gardener, please note if renewal has not been received by 5:00PM on Thursday November 14, 2011 your plot will be made available to new applicants. Please note that contact information for renewal mailing was provided by gardener at time of registration. Acton Recreation is not responsible for misdirected or non-receipt of garden renewal notices.
4. Garden plots are available for use Sunday, April 15, 2012 through Sunday, November 4, 2012.
5. Man-made materials: cages, stakes, fences, etc. must be removed by November 4, 2012. Do not remove wooden or metal plot boundary stakes. You are not permitted to extend your garden beyond your assigned plot boundaries. Any planting done in this manner will be removed.
6. Morrison Farm is an organically managed property. Only OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute (www.omni.org) and/or WSDA (Washington State Department of Agriculture – www.agr.wa.gov) listed insecticides and fungicides may be used. No herbicides permitted. Organic home-made remedies are also allowed.
7. Only biodegradable mulches are to be used (i.e. no black plastic).
8. All pathways are to be kept clear for mowers. Please do not put rocks, weed clumps, corn stalks, tools, chairs or structures on mowed pathways. Compost and stones go in labeled "Compost" and "Stone" containers.
9. All garden debris is to be deposited in the areas provided. There is no trash service provided at facility—this is a carry-in / carry-out facility.
10. Dogs are not permitted within the fenced garden area.
11. Do not borrow privately owned tools or hoses without owner's permission.
12. Perennial plants are not advised; there is no assurance having the same plot annually.

13. Morrison Farm is located at 116 Concord Road in East Acton. The Farm is a 32-acre parcel that lies between Woodlawn Cemetery and Ice House Pond. The Community Gardens are located to the right of the barn.
14. There is no assurance that water will be available throughout the summer. Morrison Farm Community Garden MUST abide by the Acton Water District Watering Restrictions--even day watering WITH HOSES ONLY on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. WATERING CAN USAGE ONLY on other days of the week. Water spigots will be labeled with this information.
15. A limited amount of manure is donated by MCI Concord and is to be shared by all gardeners.
16. Gardens left unattended are subject to non-renewal. If you reserve a plot then are unable to garden, please notify the Recreation Department at 978 929-6640 so your unused plot can be reassigned.
17. Garden plot fees are non-refundable.

Thank you for supporting Acton Recreation. If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact our office at (978) 929-6640. All garden rules and regulations are found on the Town of Acton website located under "General Information", follow this link <http://www.acton-ma.gov/index.aspx?nid=309>.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Getsick
Recreation Secretary